



PROGRAMME

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Maison de la paix, Auditorium 2

A global paradox is emerging in which care workers - who are largely migrant women, often working in informal home settings - make a considerable contribution to public health in many countries but are themselves exposed to health risks, face barriers to accessing care, and enjoy few labour and social protections. These migrant women care workers act as a cushion for states lacking adequate public provision for long term care, particularly for older people and the sick. Together with rising demographic dependency ratios and female labour force participation, ageing in late industrial and middle-income economies is leading to care deficits worldwide.

This event will present the findings of the WHO report “Women on the Move”. Grounded in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the report provides key messages on the state of evidence concerning this population group, the work they do and the lives they lead, the emergence of global care chains and transnational families, as well as the legal and policy frameworks which affect their lives, and what needs to change. The report considers the migrant women themselves as well as the families and households which are left behind.

18:30 – 18:35

WELCOME

Ilona **Kickbusch**

Director, Global Health Centre, the Graduate Institute

Tedros Adhanom **Ghebreyesus**

Director-General, World Health Organization

18:35 – 18:45

REPORT SUMMARY

Veronica **Magar**

Team Leader, Gender, Equity and Human Rights
World Health Organization

18:45 – 19:00

REFLECTIONS FROM COUNTRIES

Antje **Leendertse**

Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Office of the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva

Alan **Ludowyke**

Director, International Health, Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine, Sri Lanka

Hilda **Davila**

Director, International Relations, Ministry of Health, Mexico

19:00-19:10

REFLECTIONS FROM INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

Laura **Thompson**

Deputy Director-General, International Organization for Migration

Kate **Gilmore**

United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights

19:10 – 19:25

DISCUSSION

Moderated by

Ilona **Kickbusch** and

Bernhard **Schwartländer**

Chef de Cabinet, World Health Organization

19:25 – 19:30

CLOSING REMARKS

Princess Nothemba **Simelela**

Assistant Director-General, Family, Women's and Children's Health Cluster, World Health Organization

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